

# Elwell Murder in N. Y. Deepest Mystery of All

NEW YORK, July 12.—(Associated Press.)—Every element of classic detective tale has appeared in the most dramatic setting in the Elwell case, which since June 11 has defied solution by the foremost brains of this city. Wealth, divorce, the glitter of Broadway night life, beautiful women, passion and jealousy for the

bold, the three tracks, the passing table and the confusion from the moment of the "night light," the killing parties in their own standard home in the country, all these are woven and interwoven into what has been pronounced by detective the deepest mystery of the times.

In its most sinister guise, murder at the hands of an unknown and mysterious assassin, death came to Joseph Elwell in a single moment when his most unsuspecting eyes were turned to a favorite race horse, some minutes of his racing season, which was an after thought, engagement with the "woman in black" or "the lady in gray."

Found in the Pojamae.

But breathing through a large

bullet had passed through the body. Elwell was discovered at 8:30 in the morning of June 11, shot in his pajamas and slung down in a chair against the wall of the recreation room on the first floor of his three-story house in West 10th street. He died several hours later without speaking a word, which might betray the identity of his slayer.

He was found by Mrs. Marie Elwell, Elwell's housekeeper, arriving for her daily work of tidying up the house. On a table at his side were several letters, one of which, from a racing associate, had been received from the envelope. The letter had been delivered by the postman at 7:30.

There was no weapon, no footprints, no evidence of a struggle, no possible clue except a 45 caliber shell, such as is ejected from an automatic pistol of the army type, and the shell of a cigarette different from those habitually smoked by Elwell. Doors and windows were securely locked.

## Love Affairs Long Buried

Experts declared that a suicide theory was untenable because Elwell could not have held the fatal pistol far enough from his head to avoid powder burns, even were it possible to account for the disappearance of the weapon. There were powder marks on the dying man's forehead but no burns.

As soon as the idea of self-destruction was rejected the pursuit started. Its ramifications extended all over the country, into every circle of society and for years back into the dead man's past. Every relative, every friend, every casual acquaintance or servant, every one who had ever seen the dead (Elwell) was found and examined. Every possible motive for his killing was explored. Love affairs long buried were assumed and the principals probed to discover a motive for the crime.

Every real or suspected enemy was probed. All led to the same end—a death of information about the dead man's history, his reputation for success and his many friends and his conquests of women's hearts. But not a ray of light on the crime itself.

The known facts of how Elwell spent the night before his death are few. During the early evening he was one of a dinner party at a large hotel. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. Lewiston, Miss Viola Kenna and a South American journalist who met Elwell for the first time that evening. At a nearby table sat Victor von Schlegel, the divorced husband of Miss Kratoch, and Elly Hope Anderson, a singer whose home is in Minneapolis.

**Ex-Wife at Party.**  
All who were present agreed afterward that there was no show of ill feeling between Elwell and von Schlegel, though they brushed shoulders on the dance floor, several times with von Schlegel's former wife dancing with the apartment.

After leaving the hotel the Lewiston party, including Elwell, went in a road garden theater, where they remained until 1:30, when all left and Elwell was seen to start on foot toward his home. Here ends all available evidence of the murder victim's movements. A man told investigators he had seen Elwell and a woman in an upper Broadway dance hall at a much later hour. A neighbor claimed to have seen Elwell driven home by a man in a racing car at 2:30. A taxi driver asserted he had driven the apartment home directly after he left the Lewiston party.

## Detective in Two Factions.

More important evidence seemed to lie in the statements of Margaret Butler, a telephone operator, who declares she tried to put through two telephone calls from Elwell's home between 2 and 2:30 o'clock on the morning of the tragedy. The number called in each case was that of William R. Pendleton, a former racing partner of Elwell's. When interrogated he said he could not imagine why Elwell should have been so anxious to communicate

## GIRL SCOUT INSTRUCTOR



Miss Margaret Taylor, Girl Scout instructor, who has been asked by Lady Baden Powell to inspect the Girl Scouts of the New England states.

with him during the early evening hours. They had not been intimate for many months, he said.

After two weeks of investigation and searching publicity, the small group of investigators became definitely separated into two factions, both professing their theories with the statement, "Nothing is impossible," and each clung dogmatically to its pet solution.

The first faction, including a majority of the detectives, said, "What if the doors were locked? Suspicion, man or woman, killed Elwell." **Says Son Was Murdered.**

The second, numbering many of Elwell's former friends and some of the cleverest detectives, retorted, "What if there were no powder burns? Elwell killed himself and some one who arrived before the police hid the pistol."

After the funeral, Joseph R. Elwell, father of the dead man, declared his unflinching belief that his son had been murdered. Elwell's wife, who admitted she was contemplating divorce proceedings when she heard of Elwell's death, adhered to the suicide theory, and expressed indignation that the racing man made no provision in his will for her son.

## SUFFRAGE IN MEXICO, SAYS NEW GOVERNMENT

MEXICO CITY, July 12.—(Associated Press.)—Woman suffrage in old Mexico in the near future was predicted by Provisional President Adolfo de la Huerta at a conference with teachers and students of a woman's school here, according to El Democrata.

The young woman who today votes for the directorship of her school, tomorrow will vote for her public officers, the provisional president is quoted as having told the delegation, which called on him for permission to select a host for the school in case the present director was removed.

The request made by the young women showed that Mexico's womanhood is beginning to prepare for the ballot. Senor de la Huerta said he granted the privilege asked for on condition that the women would choose from a list of three names that he would submit to them.

## RAISE COTTON ON LAND WITH 4 INCHES RAINFALL

YUMA, Ariz., July 12.—(Associated Press.)—A growing cotton without irrigation on land receiving less than five inches annual rainfall would be considerable achievement, according to cotton experts, but present indications are it is not beyond the realm of possibility in the North title valley, six miles due east of here.

Last spring the title valley, in its annual flood, overflowed its banks and set the land to a depth of eight feet. As soon as possible afterward farmers plowed and planted their land in cotton. That cotton crop is more than two feet high and has little to fear, as much less rain. These fields, according to cotton men, will open about the middle of this month. Farmers of the district say the ground still is moist.

# JAP BATTLESHIP SAME SIZE AS U. S. CRUISER

YOKOHAMA, Japan, July 12.—(Associated Press.)—The Japanese battleship, Mutsu, recently launched here, is closely comparable with the newest American battleships, the Maryland, launched at Newport News, in March. Both warships, however, are considerably smaller and less speedy than the great British battle cruiser Hood, which was launched on the Clyde in August, 1918. The Hood, on the other hand, is armed with 16-inch guns in her main battery, while the Mutsu and the Maryland will have an equal number of 16-inch rifles.

The Hood continues to be the largest warship afloat, a distinction she will hold until the Massachusetts class of dreadnoughts enters the United States navy service in 1923.

A comparison of tonnage, length, speed and guns of the three great ships shows:

Tonnage—Mutsu, 23,800; Hood, 31,200; Maryland, 22,550.

Length—Mutsu, 416 feet; Hood, 600 feet; Maryland, 611 feet.

Declared speed—The Mutsu, 23½ knots; Hood, 31 knots; Maryland, 21 knots.

Main battery—Mutsu, eight 12 inch guns; Hood, eight 15 inch guns; and the Maryland, eight 16 inch guns.

# Sealed Room Found of Ancient Cliff Dwellers

NEW YORK, July 12.—(Associated Press.)—Additional indications that the Pueblo Indian cliff dwellers at Aztec, New Mexico, hunted the Aztec and Pueblo culture, has been uncovered by the excavations of the American Museum of Natural History. It was announced here.

Discovery of a sealed room in perfect condition at the Pueblo ruin at Aztec, suggesting its beauty and its state of preservation, was previously found in America, was reported by the museum by Dr. Clark Wissler, curator of anthropology.

The interior of the sealed room is plastered and painted in brilliant white with dull red and blue borders and a running series of triangular designs. Dr. Wissler reported a mummified serpent carved in wood decorates the ceiling. It is 2½ feet long and of the finest workmanship. On the ceiling beams are imprints of hands in white paint. Several strands of flax make rope hang down, and on the floor are a large number of neatly cut stone slabs, one of which was 2½ by 1½ feet and 1½ inches thick.

## Were Surprised by Fire

Several adjoining rooms, seeming to bear a relation to this sealed one, are yet to be uncovered. Dr. Wissler stated, continuing on the Aztec excavations, he said:

"Since the greater part of the west side is now uncovered, one can get a full sweep over this immense complex of stone walls and painted decorations. Our excavations have revealed that the greater part of the east and north sides of the city were swept by fire. The entire series of rooms, supported by great logs of cedar and pine, were laid by split cedar and bark. These fell down upon each other and lay on the floor, forming a great charred mass. We found the bodies of several unfortunate victims in the rooms."

"As the fire did not reach the west side we found a large number of rooms with their ceilings still intact and household utensils on the floor just as they were left."

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# Murderer Asks Innocent Question and Is Caught

PHOENIX, Ariz., July 12.—(Associated Press.)—Only the innocent appear to deliver into the hands of police officers James Marie Barlow, arrested near Patagonia, Santa Cruz county, Arizona, on a charge of murder in connection with the killing of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Elwell in their home here on the night of June 11 last. The couple, aged and supposedly well to do, were on vacation with a summer that death followed.

Barlow was caught near the Mexican border after more than 450 suspects had been arrested in various parts of the state, and all had been found to have had no connection with the double murder. Guilty or not, he asked the innocent question that he committed the murders with robbery as his motive.

## Who Knew Elwell?

Chances turned up Barlow to the authorities when they were at their wits' end. With refuge in Mexico almost, in sight, Barlow, walking along a country road, asked the girls in a conveyance to give him a ride. Not understanding the request, the girls did not stop, but hurried on to a deputy sheriff, to whom they reported a man had tried to hold them up. The deputy went out to look for Barlow and got him. The serious disclosures came later, after Barlow's palm prints had been compared at the sheriff's office with those found in the Elwell home.

All the circumstances considered, people here have been wondering what share the girls and the deputy would receive of reward totaling more than \$3000, provided Barlow were convicted, and who would get the rewards if for any reason the girls and the deputy were held in custody.

## FIRST INDIAN DANCES SINCE FIRE OF PEACE

PHOENIX, Ariz., July 12.—(Associated Press.)—Just before the Fourth of July, and soon after, nearly 1000 Apache Indians, 1000 of the Flathead, 500 of the Navajo, and 500 of the Hopi, gathered at the El Estadio, at the city center, for the first time since the outbreak of the Apache wars, to witness the dances, which were held July 7 and 8.

On July 2 the Pima tribe, in early days hostile to the Apaches and consequently friendly to the whites, arrived in battle, held its tribal dances on the reservation south of Mesa.

## REWARD FOR MURDER OF PROSPECTOR PETERSON

PHOENIX, Ariz., July 12.—(Associated Press.)—The state of Arizona has offered \$1000 as a reward for information leading to the capture of the murderer of C. J. Peterson, Cochise county prospector, last April, it has been announced at the capital. Cochise county officials and friends of the murdered man have offered \$750 additional. Peterson was found dead in his cabin. Although officers worked for months on the case, they are said to have been unable to establish any motive, unless robbery, or any clue to the slayer's identity.

## WOULD RATHER LIVE WITH SNAKE THAN WIFE

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., July 12.—"I'd rather live with a rattlesnake than my wife," Lee A. Works is said to have told his wife, who's filing suit for a divorce. "She isn't even worth, or he's gone to live with a reptile or not, but she hasn't seen him lately."

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